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1. Prior to 21 October 1951, about 30 to 40 Soviet tanks and about 100 three-axle trucks, some canvas-covered and some uncovered, were lined up in the northern section of the former Cavalry Barracks on the westside of the road to Arad (R 16/U 16), near the cemetery east of this road in Timisoara (R 16/T 91). No basic training or training with weapons was observed. The parking lot was painted white. The installations adjoining this barracks area on the south were located on either side of the road to Arad. Civilian vehicles were routed on a road east to bypass these installations. There were road blocks, guarded by Soviet sentries, near the cemetery and near the fork of the roads to Arad and Sanicolaul Mare (Y 7/T 55). Many persons were seen between the two sections of the barracks installation, but no heavy weapons or vehicles were noticed. Training on small guns towed by trucks and other drilling was performed in the Mehala meadows south of the road to Sanicolaul Mare.
2. Prior to October 1951, there was a Soviet fuel tank depot with a number of open-air fuel tanks, each about 3 meters high, located southwest of the fork of the roads to Arad and Sanicolaul Mare. Tank trucks and fuel containers were refilled at this fuel dump. A large number of vehicles entered and left the installation.
3. During 1951, a large number of Soviet tanks and trucks was continuously seen east of the Hunting Woods and east of the railroad line to Giarmata (R 16/U 02), in an open meadow about 1 or 2 km from the Factory railroad station. These vehicles were last observed on 10 October 1951. Adjoining this area, which was repeatedly observed from the railroad, was a large firewood dump. \*
4. In early September 1951, a Soviet ammunition dump was located in a former brickyard, just south of the Timisoara-Lugoj (R 25/U 50) road, via Ghiroda Veche (R 16/U 01), about 1.5 km from the outskirts of Timisoara. The land around the ammunition dump was arable. The dump had spur tracks. Most of the ammunition

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boxes were stored in the old drying room of the brickyard. The ammunition dump was established in the brickyard in 1950 and, at that time, was surrounded by a multiple barbed-wire fence.

5. Prior to early September 1951, there was a Soviet practice and training grounds in the area of Ghiroda Veche, Remetea Mare (R 16/U 01), Janova (R 16/U 12) - Giarmata. The units which practiced there are irregular intervals came from Timisoara. In Ghiroda Veche it was announced which sections of the area were to be barred to civilian traffic during training days. Guns of various calibers, mounted on trucks, and rocket launchers were observed. Tanks were also seen. \*\*

6. [redacted]  
[redacted] a by-pass road was under construction north of Timisoara. [redacted]

\* [redacted] Comment. Although this area near the Hunting Woods was previously reported as a Soviet training area, no further details are known.

\*\* [redacted] Comment. This is the first report to indicate rocket launchers in the Timisoara area. The rocket launchers are believed to belong to the RL battalion of the Soviet tank division carried in Banat.

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